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PARTIES TO THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL

Second meeting  
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NOTE BY THE SECRETARIAT

1. The second meeting of the Bureau of the Third Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol has the following issues before it:

- (a) Terms of reference of the assessment panels;
- (b) Report of the seventh and eighth meetings of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties;
- (c) Report of the fourth meeting of the Implementation Committee;
- (d) Report of the eighth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Interim Multilateral Fund;
- (e) Documents for the Fourth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol.

*A. Terms of reference of the assessment panels*

2. Article 6 of the Protocol provides for the Parties to assess the control measures under the Protocol at least every four years, beginning in 1990. Parties have to convene appropriate panels of experts at least one year before each assessment. Such assessments have been carried out and reports prepared by the panels in 1989 and in 1991. It has been proposed that in the next few years the assessment panels carry out the specific functions set out in paragraph 3-13 below, as proposed in the draft decisions (UNEP/Pro.4/L.1) to be considered by the Fourth Meeting of the Parties.

3. The Scientific Assessment, Environmental Assessment and Technology and Economic Assessment Panels are to update their reports of November-December 1991 and submit the updated reports to the Secretariat by 31 December 1994 for consideration by the Open-ended Working Group and by the seventh meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol. Also, the Panels are to meet once a year to review the state of the ozone layer and to enable the co-chairmen of the Panels to bring to the notice of the meetings of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, through the Secretariat, any significant developments which, in their opinion, deserve such notice.

4. The Scientific Assessment Panel and the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel are to assess the following, in accordance with Article 6 of the Protocol, and submit their combined report through the Secretariat, by 31 March 1994 at the latest, to the sixth meeting of the Parties:

- (a) Abundance of methyl bromide in the atmosphere and the proportion of anthropogenic emissions within this abundance;

(b) Methodologies to control emissions into the atmosphere from the various current uses of methyl bromide and the feasibility and likely results of such controls;

(c) Availability of chemical and non-chemical substitutes for the various current uses of methyl bromide; their cost-effectiveness; the incremental costs of such substitutes; technological and economic feasibility of substitution for various uses; and the benefits to the protection of the ozone layer by such substitution;

5. The Scientific Assessment Panel and the Economic Assessment Panel are to request the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Protocol to consider this report and submit its recommendations to the sixth meeting of the Parties in 1994.

6. The Scientific Assessment Panel is to study and report, by 31 March 1994 at the latest, through the Secretariat, the impact on the ozone layer of continued use of recycled controlled substances.

7. The Technology and Economic Assessment Panel is to review and report, by 31 March 1994 at the latest, through the Secretariat, on:

(a) The technologies for recovery, reclamation, recycling and leakage control;

(b) The quantities available for economically feasible recycling and the demand for recycled substances by all Parties;

(c) The scope for meeting the basic domestic needs of the Parties operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5 through recycled substances; and

(d) Other relevant issues;

and to recommend policies with respect to recovery, reclamation and recycling, keeping in mind the effective implementation of the Montreal Protocol.

8. The Technology and Economic Assessment Panel is to develop recommendations on nominations, after consultations with experts as necessary, regarding:

- the essential use (substance, quantity, quality, expected duration of essential use, duration of production or import necessary to meet such essential use);
- economically feasible use and emission controls for the proposed essential use;
- sources of already produced controlled substances for the proposed essential use (quantity, quality, timing); and
- steps necessary to ensure that alternatives and substitutes are available as soon as possible for the proposed essential use.

9. The Technology and Economic Assessment Panel, while making its recommendations, is to take into account the environmental acceptability, health effects, economic feasibility, availability, and regulatory status of alternatives and substitutes.

10. The Technology and Economic Assessment Panel is to submit its report, through the Secretariat, by 31 March 1994 at the latest and subsequently at least 3 months before the meeting of the Parties in which a decision is to be taken. The subsequent reports will also consider which previously qualified essential uses should no longer qualify as essential.

11. The Technology and Economic Assessment Panel is to advise UNEP, as necessary, with the assistance of the Halons Technical Options Committee, in the implementation of the decision on essential uses, recovery and international bank management for halons and is to provide a report, through the Secretariat, on the implementation of the decision by 31 March 1994.

12. The Technology and Economic Assessment Panel is to study the feasibility in accordance with Article 4, paragraph 4 of the Protocol, of banning or restricting, from States not Party to the Protocol, the import of products produced with, but not containing, controlled substances in Annex A and is to report its findings, by 31 March 1993, to the Secretariat with a view to their consideration at the fifth meeting of the Parties in 1993.

13. The Technology and Economic Assessment Panel is to study and report, through the Secretariat, by 31 March 1994 at the latest, on a list of products containing controlled substances in Annex B to enable the sixth meeting of the Parties in 1994 to consider the elaboration of such a list as an annex to the Protocol, in accordance with Article 4, paragraph 3 bis.

*B. Report of the seventh and eighth meetings of the  
Implementation Committee*

14. The report of the seventh meeting of the Open-ended Working Group is contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/WG.1/7/4. The eighth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group will be held from 17-18 November 1992 in Copenhagen, Denmark, after which the report of the Working Group will be presented at the meeting of the Bureau.

*C. Report of the fourth meeting of the  
Implementation Committee*

15. The report of the fourth meeting of the Implementation Committee, held in Geneva on 14 September 1992, is contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ImpCom/4/2.

*D. Report of the eighth meeting of the Executive Committee  
of the Interim Multilateral Fund*

16. The eighth meeting of the Executive Committee will be held in Montreal from 19-21 October 1992. The report of the meeting will be presented at the meeting of the Bureau.

*E. Documents for the fourth meeting of the Parties  
to the Montreal Protocol*

17. The following documents relating to the fourth meeting of the Parties have been prepared by the Secretariat and distributed to all Parties and non-Parties, in accordance with Rules 8, 9, and 10 of the Rules of Procedure:

1. Provisional Agenda (UNEP/OzL.Pro.4/1).
2. Annotated Provisional Agenda (UNEP/OzL.Pro.4/1/Add.1).
3. Report of the Legal Drafting Group on possible Adjustment and Amendment of the Montreal Protocol (UNEP/OzL.Pro.4/2).

4. A Note regarding the Harmonized System Customs Code Numbers for the Products Listed in Annex D of the Amended Montreal Protocol (UNEP/OzL.Pro.4/3).
5. Executive Summary of the Report of the Ad Hoc Technical Advisory Committee on ODS Destruction Technologies (UNEP/OzL.Pro.4/4).
6. Report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP/OzL.Pro.4/5).
7. The Reporting of Data by the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (UNEP/OzL.Pro.4/6).
8. Revised Budgets for 1992 and 1993 and Proposed Budget for 1994 (UNEP/OzL.Pro.4/7).
9. Report by the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Interim Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol (UNEP/OzL.Pro.4/8).
10. Financial Reports on the Trust Fund for the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer and on the Interim Secretariat for the Vienna Convention and its Montreal Protocol (UNEP/OzL.Pro.4/9).
11. Note by the Executive Director on Further Adjustments and Amendment to the Montreal Protocol (UNEP/OzL.Pro.4/10).
12. Note by the Executive Director on Amendment to the Montreal Protocol with Respect to HBFCs and HCFCs (UNEP/OzL.Pro.4/10/Add.1).
13. Report of the Sub-Committee on Essential Uses (UNEP/OzL.Pro.4/11).
14. Note by the Secretariat (UNEP/OzL.Pro.4/12).
15. Draft Decisions for the Fourth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (UNEP/OzL.Pro.4/L).

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